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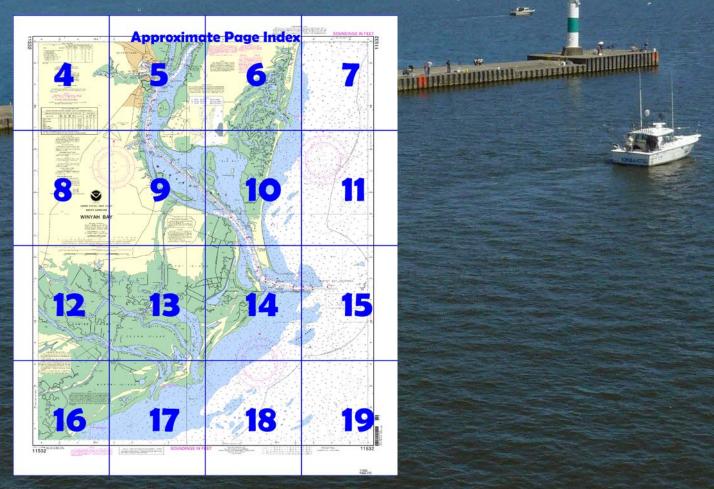
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Winyah Bay NOAA Chart 11532

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#### What is a BookletChart<sup>™</sup>?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)
North Inlet, about 14 miles southward of
Murrells Inlet and 6 miles northward of
Georgetown Light, connects with Winyah
Bay by way of both Town Creek and Jones
Creek. Some local fishermen use the inlet,
but strangers should not. In 2010, the
controlling depth over the bar was 3.3 feet.
The inlet and the creeks are unmarked.
There is little water on the Winyah Bay side,
and navigation is restricted to shallow-draft
craft. In 1983, Jones Creek was found to

bare in places, and numerous oyster bars were reported. **Winyah Bay** is the first harbor southward of Cape Fear River, a distance of 70 miles, that is navigable for vessels drawing up to 18 feet. It is

entered between **North Island** and **South Island**. The entrance is protected by jetties. The entrance is not safe for small craft except in favorable weather. Heavy tide rips prevail near the ends of the jetties, and heavy seas run in moderate weather. The south jetty is visible only at low water.

**Georgetown**, 14 miles above the entrance to Winyah Bay, is on the north bank about 1.5 miles above the entrance to Sampit River. It is 392 miles south of Norfolk and 247 miles north of Jacksonville by coastwise routes. It has schools, banks, motels, markets, restaurants, a hospital, and many landmarks of historical interest.

**Georgetown Light** (33°13'21"N., 79°11'06"W.), 85 feet above the water, is shown from a white cylindrical tower on the north side of Winyah Bay entrance. Four 400-foot stacks, at a generating plant west of Winyah Bay and about 4 miles southwestward of Georgetown, have prominent strobe lights at the tops. There are few other prominent objects in the vicinity, and the land is low on both sides of the entrance.

**Channels.**—Federal project depth is 27 feet from the sea to South Island Bend; thence 27 feet to Range C; thence 27 feet to Range D; thence the project provides for a depth of 27 feet to the turning basin off the three deepwater terminals on Sampit River

**Anchorages.**—There are no anchorages in Winyah Bay or Sampit River for deep-draft vessels. The recommended anchorage, as reported by the local pilots, is 0.5 mile northeast of the sea buoy (Winyah Bay Lighted Whistle Buoy WB) in about 6 fathoms, sand and mud bottom. **Dangers.**—The principal dangers in the approach to Winyah Bay are: **East** 

**Dangers.**—The principal dangers in the approach to Winyah Bay are: **East Bank**, covered 6 feet and marked by a buoy, about 2 miles south of the end of the south jetty; an unmarked shoal, with a least depth of 14 feet, about 4 miles southward of East Bank; **Hector Wreck**, cleared to a depth of 9 feet and marked by a lighted bell buoy, about 12 miles southward of the sea buoy (Winyah Bay Lighted Whistle Buoy WB); a wreck, with 19 feet over it and marked by a lighted bell buoy, about 13 miles southeastward of the sea buoy; a fish haven marked by private buoys about 5 miles northeast of the sea buoy; and obstructions, reported covered 26 feet, 300 yards northward of the sea buoy. Vessels approaching the entrance at night should remain in the vicinity of the sea buoy until the pilot boards. Some vessels, mistaking Winyah Bay Range B Lights for Range A Lights, have approached the entrance too closely at night and only with difficulty have cleared the outer end of the south jetty. Mariners are advised to familiarize themselves with the characteristics of these ranges before making the approach.

The local pilots report that at high water the north jetty at the entrance to Winyah Bay is partially submerged and only the three rock mounds along the south jetty are visible. At low water, parts of the south jetty just inshore of the outermost mound remain submerged. Extreme caution is advised. The pilots also report that the southwest tip of North Island just inside the jetties is building up and is encroaching southward to near the easterly edge of the channel; caution is advised.

**Currents.**—The tidal currents are affected by variations in the flow of the tributary rivers. The velocity is greatest between the jetties where the average is between 2 and 3 knots. Tidal ebb currents were reported in the area from 6 to 7 knots, most notable in Range C and South Island Bend; the sets of which are along axis to the channels. The set is alongshore at the entrance close to Lighted Bell Buoy 4. During freshets in the rivers, also with westerly winds, the velocity of the ebb current between the jetties is reported to be very strong at times and the channel buoys between the jetties are nearly towed under

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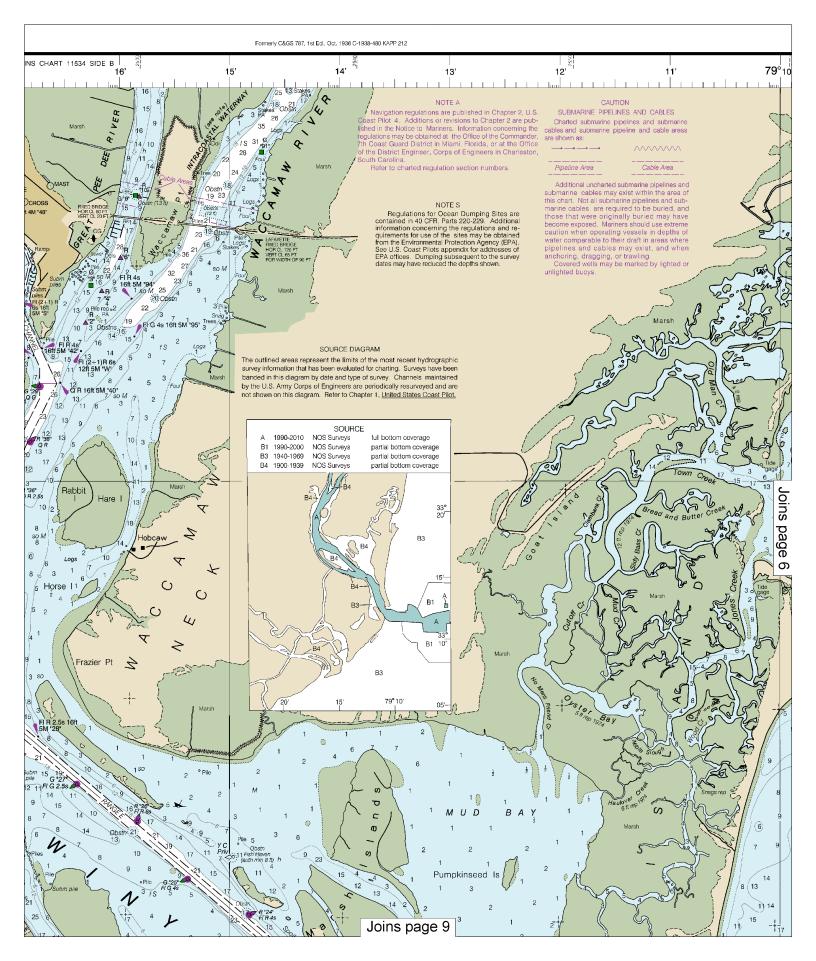
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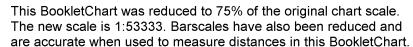
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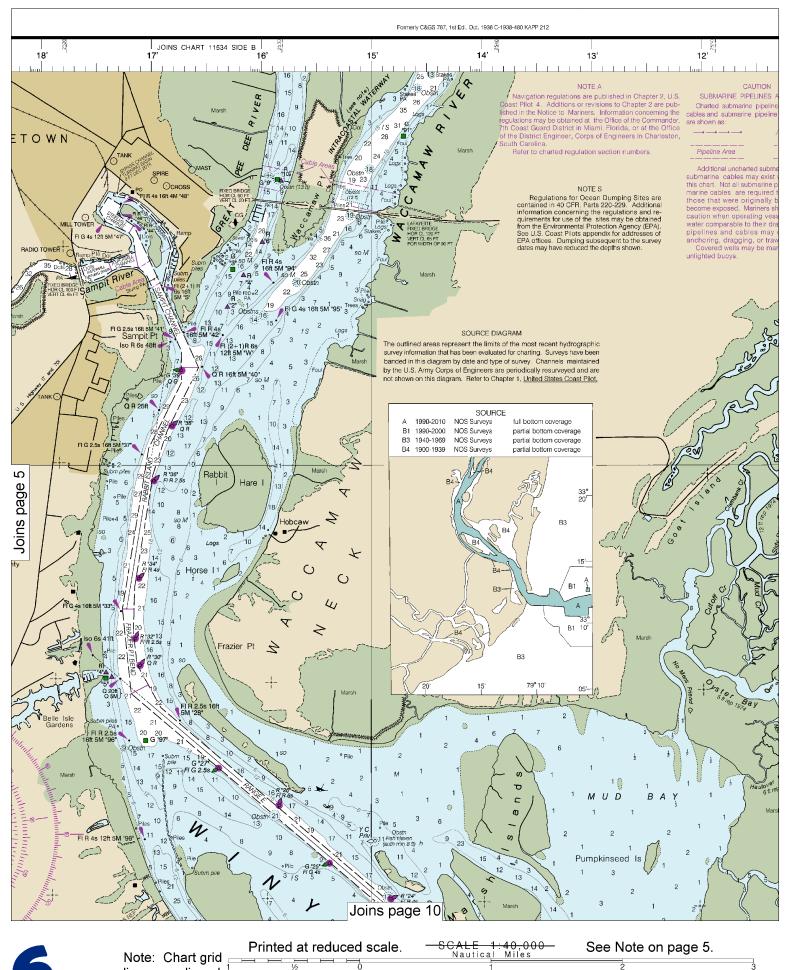
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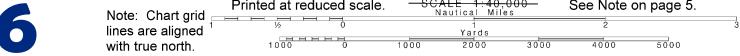
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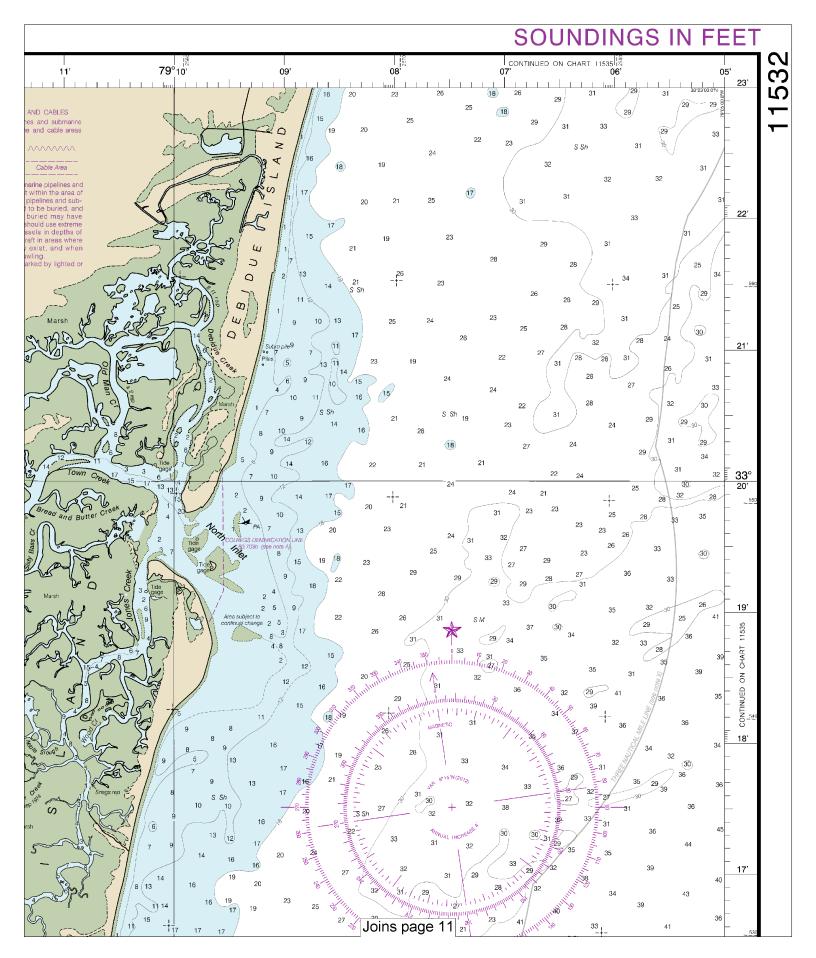


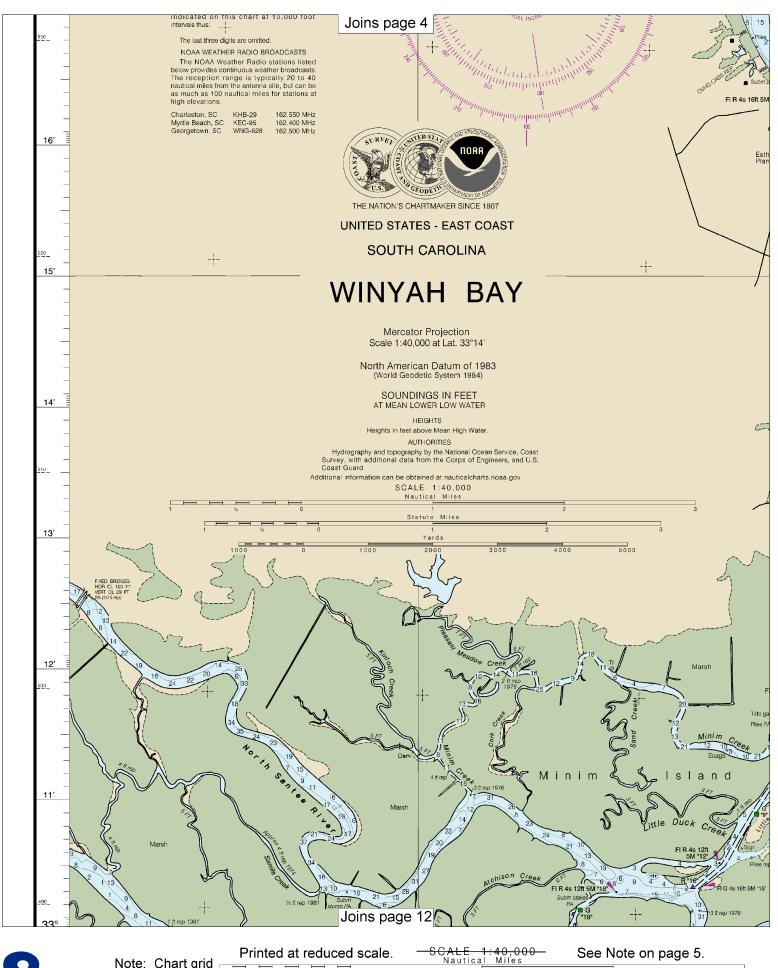














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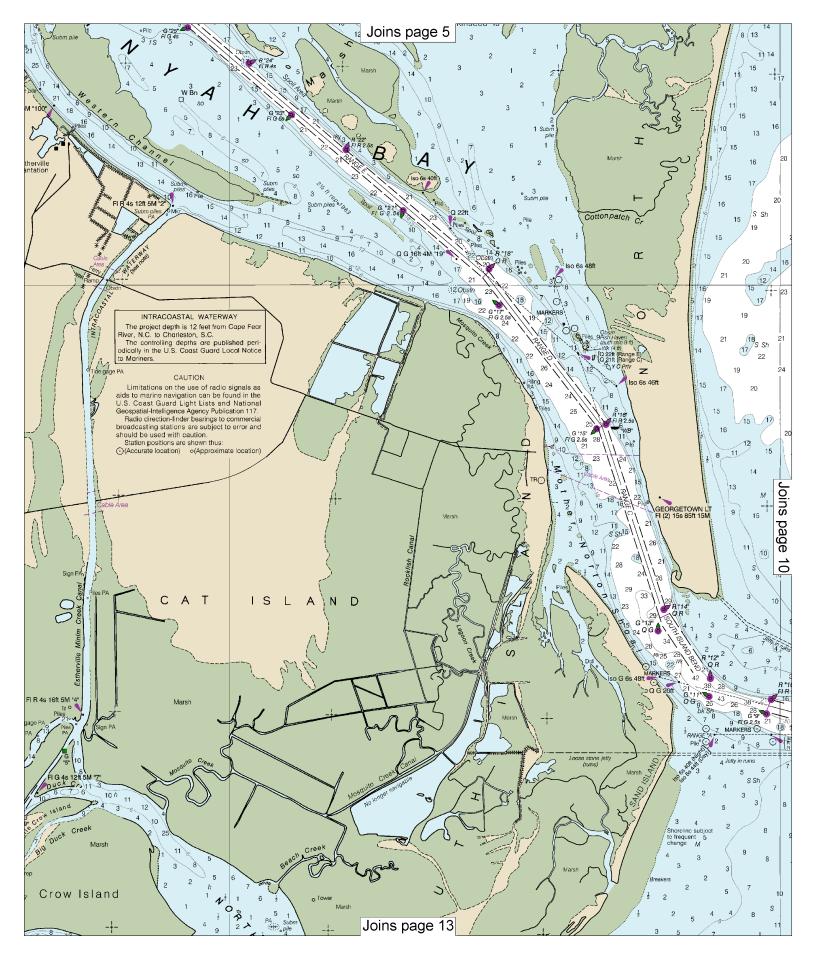
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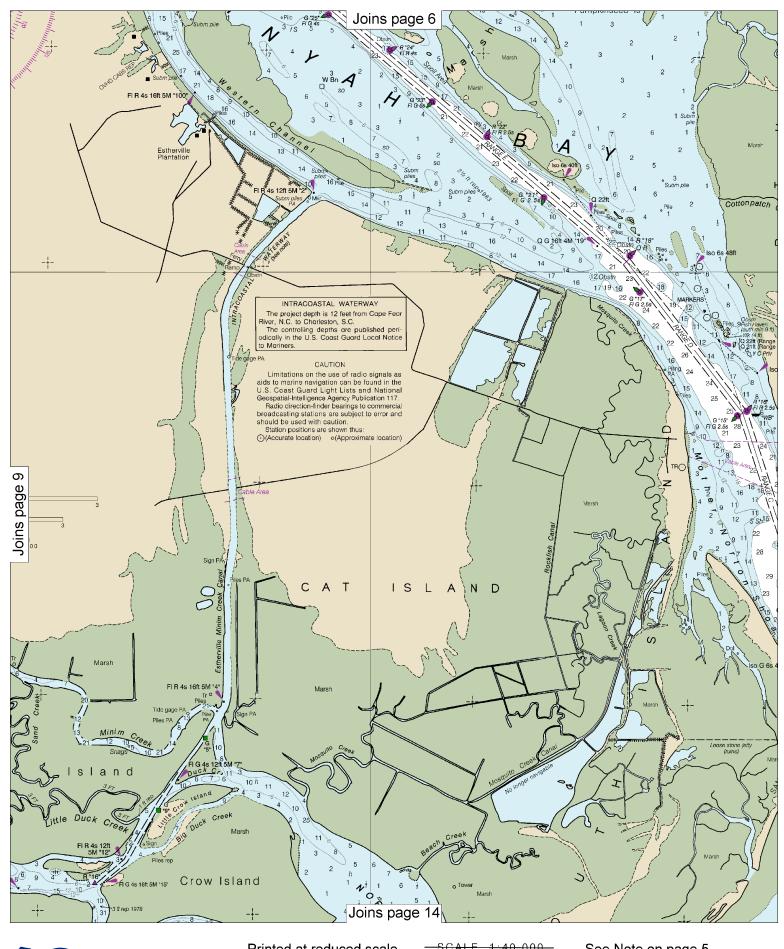
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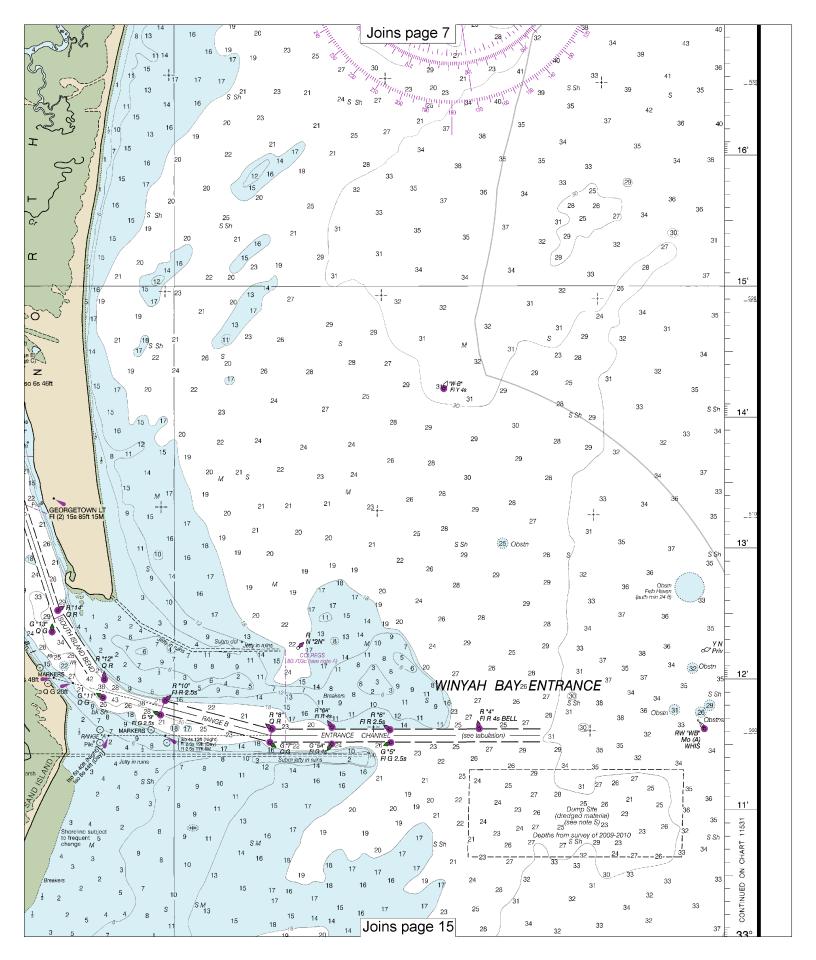
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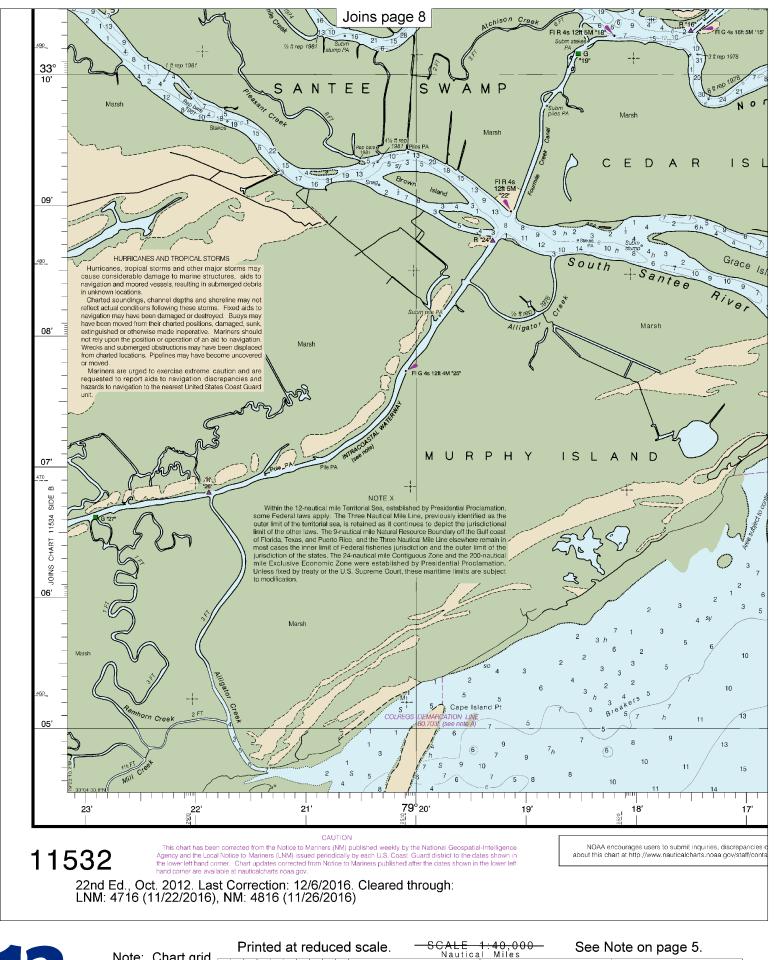
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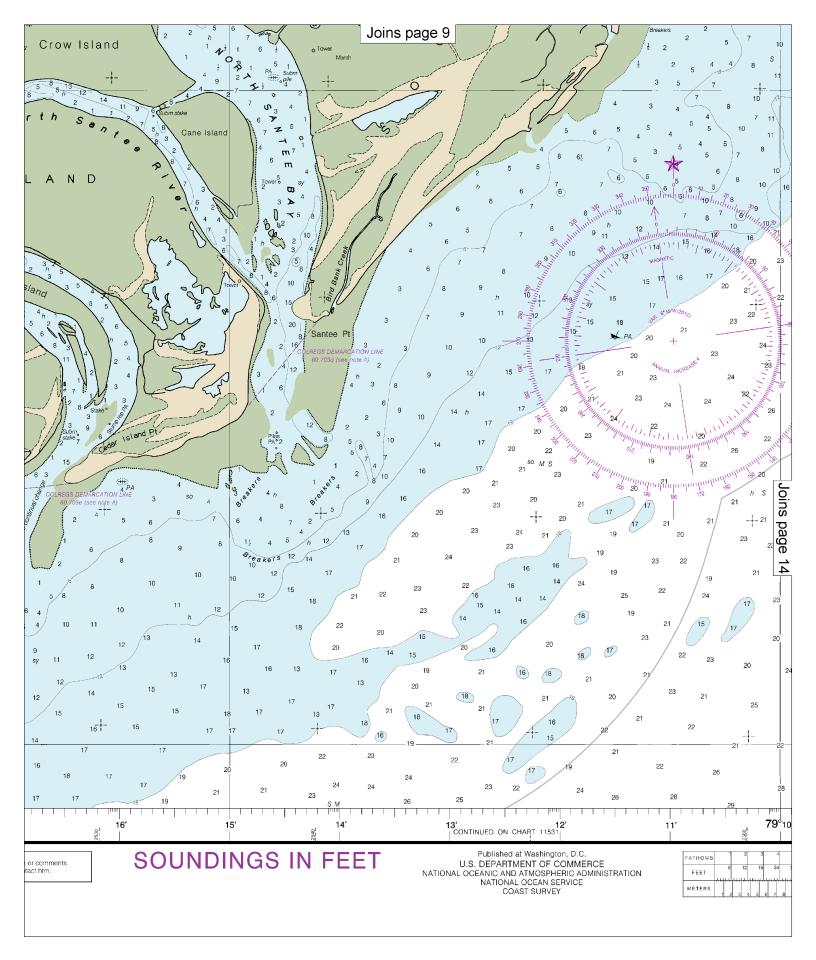
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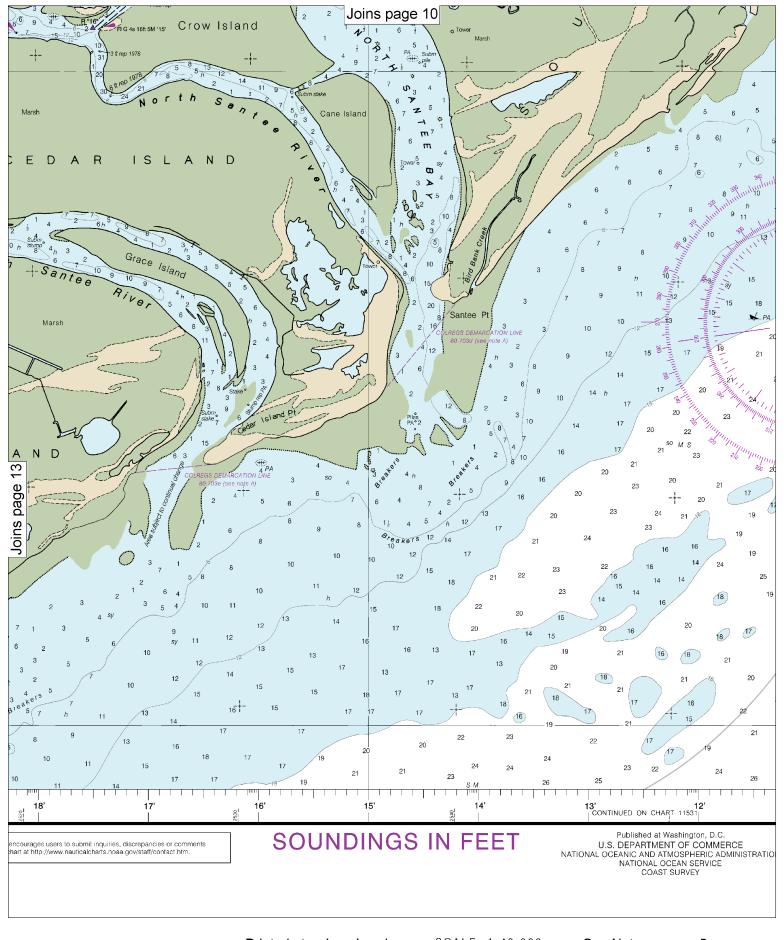
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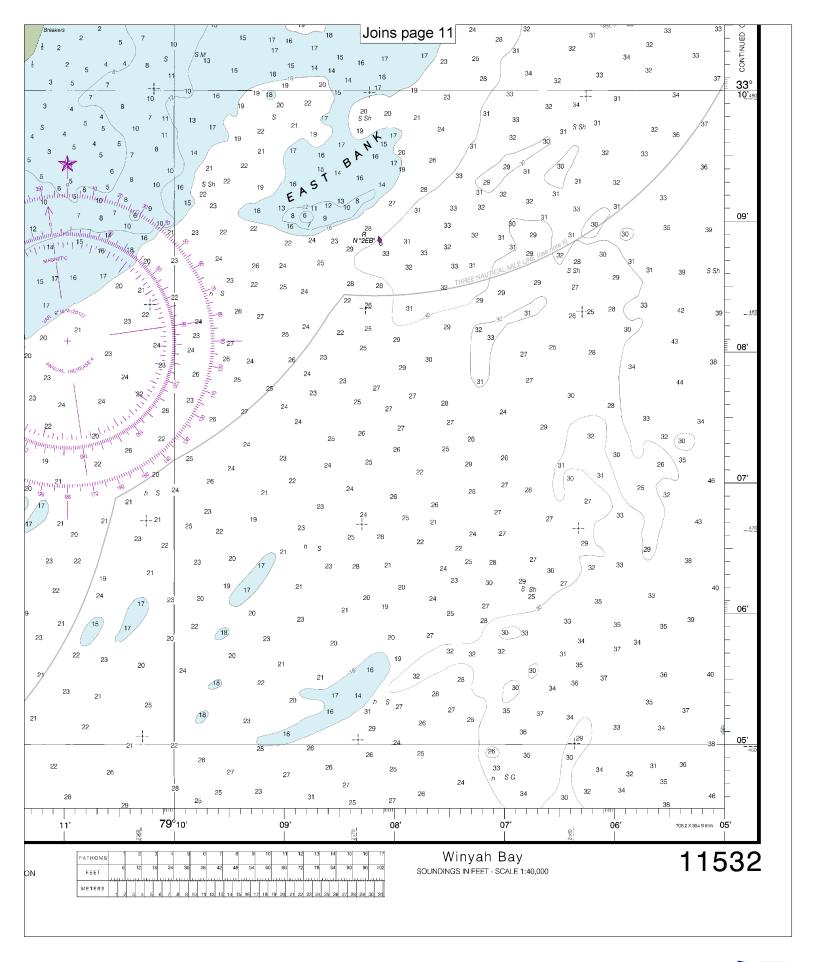
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#### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

**Channel 16** – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

#### **Distress Call Procedures**

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



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